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ROADWORK SCHEDULED FOR HIGHWAY 101 NEAR GAVIOTA REST AREA

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY –The fast lane of northbound Hwy 101 between Mariposa Reina and the Gaviota tunnel will undergo roadwork beginning Thursday, March 16. Work will also be done in the fast lane between the southbound Hwy 101/Hwy 1 junction and the Gaviota State Beach turnoff.

A concrete median barrier will be constructed and a new water line installed for the rest area and Gaviota State Beach. New paving will be done along the shoulder of the highway as well.

The work will be done Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm and is expected to be completed by late June. (Traffic delays are expected to be minimal.) The contractor for the \$1.3 million project is Madonna Construction Company of San Luis Obispo.

Caltrans reminds motorists to 'Slow for the Cone Zone'.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, the public can call Caltrans District 5 at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at: <http://dot.ca.gov/dist05/main/road/upslo.htm>.

